

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to the Office Action, claims 1-39 were pending. Of these, claims 31-39 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Within the Office Action, claims 1-30 were subject to restriction and claims 31-39 were withdrawn from consideration by the examiner, accordingly claims 1-39 are currently pending in this application.

I. Election of Species

The Office Action contained a requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 for restriction to one of (a) the species of FIG. 1A, (b) the species of FIG. 1B, (c) the species of FIG. 2, (d) the species of FIG. 3, and (e) the species of FIG. 4. The Examiner stated that currently claim 1 is generic.

The Applicants elect (d) the species of FIG. 3 without traverse. The Applicants submit that claims 1-30 read on FIG. 3. Further, the Applicants submit that claim 16 reads on FIG. 2 and is generic to at least (c) and (d).

II. Rejections

The Applicants look forward to the Examiner's response to arguments presented against the rejections of claims 1-30 from the previous office action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, and the arguments presented in the previous response, the Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (408) 530-9700.

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